

**Vision Implementation Committee Meeting  
June 12, 2008  
Minutes**

*Note – I am introducing a new format for our minutes, which is to call out our agreed upon next steps by using the chart format that appears below. I hope we all find it useful – a quick and easy way to check on each of our commitments. - Sara*

**Next Steps:**

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By When</b>
Draft an article for the paper about our need for new members and send to VIC members for input; finalize article and submit to paper	Kirk All (feedback) <b>DONE</b>	June 20
Obtain list from Town Hall (Sandra Curro) of people who have previously indicated interest in the VIC; circulate list to VIC members	Kirk <b>DONE</b>	June 13
Review list that Kirk sends to see if we know anyone; if so, let Kirk know we will make that contact. Otherwise, Kirk will contact on behalf of the VIC	All	June 26
Review lists of Town Meeting Members in each precinct – paying particular attention to those newly elected who may not yet be plugged into the Town’s committee structure. Contact prospective members and utilize talking points that appear below.	All	June 26
Meet Belmont publicity – produce poster and deliver with stand to Paul Santos for use at the weekly Farmers’ Market	Jennifer; Paul	June 26
Meet to start more detailed planning, followed by circling back to the full committee with assignments	Jennifer, Sara, Laurie Graham	
Follow-up with two young people who signed up at Town Day to help with Meet Belmont	Kirk	
Approach Tony about publicity for Meet Belmont	Kirk	

**Present:**

Kirk Hazlett, Vinnie DeNovellis, Sara Oaklander, Jennifer Page, Al Rubin, Paul Santos, Paul Solomon

**Absent:**

Austin Bliss

## **Administrivia**

The minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting were approved.

## **Belmont Town Day**

Kirk reported on Town Day. Kirk and Sara staffed the table. Two high school students signed up to help with Meet Belmont. Kirk will follow up with them.

## **Membership**

Joseph Crugnale, Vinnie DeNovellis, and Paul Santos have submitted their resignations. Joseph's is effective immediately. Paul will continue through the end of June when his appointment expires. Vinnie will continue until the beginning of August. Both said they are willing to help with Meet Belmont.

Paul Solomon raised a question about a hold on committee appointments by the Board of Selectmen. There does seem to be such a hold for the moment. He asked Vinnie and Paul if they would be willing to serve until new members have been appointed. Paul has contacted Joanna Hilgenberg about serving on behalf of the Warrant Committee and declined. Kathy Miller was also approached to serve on behalf of the School Committee but has not followed up with Paul so he considers the matter closed.

Sara raised a concern about the ambiguity of the timing of Paul and Vinnie's resignations, given Paul Solomon's request that they consider continuing until we have new members in place. A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of that for both them as individuals and the committee as a whole. Jennifer clarified that both Paul and Vinnie have offered to help as needed and that attending meetings is not essential for that.

Kirk will contact Sandra Curro to ask for the names of people who have filled out volunteer forms. Sara suggested that we craft an article about the VIC and our need for new members for the newspaper. Kirk will draft an article and send it around to the rest of us for input, with the goal of having it in completed form to the newspaper by Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Other membership ideas:

- Julie Barton was asked if she would be interested and she declined.
- Jennifer raised a question about Town Meeting members who have stepped forward to serve there but have not yet gotten plugged into the Town committee structure. We could each take a look at the list of members, paying particular attention to newly elected TMMs.
- Talking points –
  - Committee at a crossroads; needs new members; opportunity to be a part of a reinvigoration of the committee's form and function
  - Looking for new members who are ready and willing to be active participants, willing to consider a leadership role at some point, and so on. (In

other words, we don't do ourselves any favors by worrying about scaring people off.)

- The mandate of the VIC is extraordinarily and uniquely broad.
- Focus should be on recruiting people who are interested in more than just what we've done before but who are interested in as yet unexplored possibilities.
- Focus could also be on recruiting people with a particular interest with the assumption that their interests will expand over time as they become engaged in the work of the committee.

**Meet Belmont:**

Laurie Graham sent out a hold the date email to last year's exhibitors and asked that they indicate if they will attend. There hasn't been much response. One idea is to send out a series of emails such as this and drum up interest in attending. By now, the event is well established and we needn't be concerned about participation. That said, there is much work to be done to publicize the event both with participants and exhibitors.

Paul Solomon will be away for most of August.

Jennifer will be in Vermont for most of the summer.

Sara will be away one week in July and two weeks in August, including the week of Meet Belmont.

Jennifer asked Paul Santos if he's willing to put up a sign each week at the Farmer's Market. She'll get the poster made and get the poster and the stand to Paul.

Jennifer and Sara will meet with Laurie Graham to organize the planning effort. Jennifer also mentioned that we hope to have Kirk's help with articles for the newspaper, especially utilizing quotes from last year's surveys.

**Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting is June 26<sup>th</sup>. Kirk will be here then, but after that he'll be away on July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>. Kirk will confirm with Austin

	Yes	No	Unsure
June 26	Sara Paul Solomon Paul Santos Kirk Vinnie	Jennifer	Al – might be away Austin – he isn't here to say
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sara Jennifer Paul Solomon	Kirk Vinnie	Al – might be away Austin – he isn't here to say
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Solomon Jennifer Vinnie	Sara Kirk	Al – might be away Austin – he isn't here to say
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kirk	Sara	Al – might be away

	Jennifer	Paul Solomon	
August 21 <sup>st</sup> – Meet Belmont	Kirk Jennifer Paul Santos Vinnie	Sara Paul Solomon	Al – might be away Austin – he isn't here to say

**Sustainable Belmont**

Heather Tuttle stepped down as co-chair of Sustainable Belmont and John McAlpin has agreed to serve in her place.